

Kuala Lumpur Declaration

We, the representatives of organizations of persons with disabilities, Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) practitioners, domestic and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government officials, from 32 countries of Asia and the Pacific, in total 553 persons, participated in the Asia-Pacific CBR Convention, from 13 to 15 November 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

We sincerely thank the organizers, CBR Network Malaysia in collaboration with the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia, with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO), CBR Asia-Pacific Network, the Asia Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), and the people of Malaysia for their warm hospitality and kindness and the success of the convention.

We declare our collective statement as follows:

1. We acknowledge the significance of the new CBR Guidelines with five components (health, education, livelihood, social and empowerment) in the CBR Matrix developed by WHO, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC).
2. We appreciate the efforts made by all CBR stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region and all countries to raise awareness and to promote Community-based Inclusive Development by mainstreaming persons with disabilities.
3. We encourage all CBR stakeholders including Governments and media in the Asia-Pacific region to develop and support CBR leaders in the effort to promote poverty reduction, particularly by mobilizing persons with disabilities and other human and community resources at the grassroots, national and international levels will continue.
4. We ensure persons with disabilities, families and members of the community participate in CBR at all stages through capacity-building, inclusive education, data collection and multi-stakeholders collaboration in consideration of the gender perspective.

Furthermore, we appeal to all CBR stakeholders to consider the following recommendations to strengthen the CBR movement in the Asia-Pacific region;

1. We support the preparation of the second Asia-Pacific CBR Congress to be held in Manila, the Philippines on 29 November to 1 December 2011 and appreciate the initiative to strengthen regional networking and collaboration, while mainstreaming Community-based Inclusive Development as indicated in the new CBR Guidelines.
2. We agree to support the idea of establishing a new decade of persons with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region (2013-2022), which is being facilitated by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission in Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), with an emphasis on the leadership development of persons with disabilities, CBR/Community-based Inclusive Development and Inclusive Business Development.
3. We recognize the importance of CBR Asia-Pacific Network as a platform to actively promote the new CBR Guidelines, the inclusive Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and other international instruments to strengthen the approach to Community-based Inclusive Development in the region.

Unanimously agreed by all participants at the Asia-Pacific CBR Convention, 15 November 2010